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Parkite Honored for Dedication to Open Space Protection

On Saturday, Utah Open Lands will announce that Sally Cousins Elliott is the recipient of Utah Open Lands' Legacy Award for Leadership. The award is given to an individual who has demonstrated continued leadership in the protection of open space, making substantial contributions to ensure the permanent protection of open land from development.

"Sally Elliot was a founding board member of Utah Open Lands (which began in 1990 as the Summit Land Trust in Park City)" said Fisher, Executive Director of Utah Open Lands. "As a Park City Council member and then a Summit County Commissioner she demonstrated tremendous support and leadership for establishing open space throughout Park City and Summit County" Fisher said.

A park city resident since 1985, Elliot served in numerous elected offices. Her list of community related service doesn't end with her service as a county commissioner or city council member. Elliot served on Utah's only statewide, open space fund the Utah Quality Growth Commission which oversees the LeRay McAllister Critical Lands fund. From the Mountain Trails Foundation to the Utah Heritage Foundation, Elliot has continued to be a pioneer for historic preservation, open land and trails.

Utah Open Lands will honor Elliott at the Hi Ute Pancake Preservation Celebration this Saturday October 8th, 2016. "If you see Sally, tell her thanks for her commitment to our quality of life and the protection of open land." Said Fisher

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• **Utah Open Lands** – Utah Open Lands (UOL) is a non-profit land trust that is a steward in protecting the lands you love. Its mission is to acquire, preserve and protect open space in order to maintain Utah's natural heritage and quality of life for present and future generations. Utah Open Lands is considered a leader in land protection assisting private landowners, government agencies and communities in the voluntary preservation of the agricultural, scenic, recreational, historic and wildlife values of open land. The organization has preserved over 58,000 acres throughout the state, including The Redford Family Nature and Wildlife Preserve, Castleton Tower, Toll Canyon and recently completed the 1200-acre preservation of Fisher Valley Centennial Ranch in the heart of Utah's Redrock Country near Fisher Towers.